

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-12, and 15 are pending in this application. Claim 13 has been canceled.

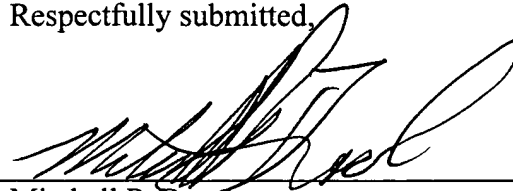
The Examiner objected to claims 1-2, 4-5, and 15 on the basis of informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 15. The informalities have been addressed in the amendments.

Claims 5-7 and 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant has amended independent claim 5 and on that basis, respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome by this amendment.

The Office Action indicates that claim 13 contains allowable subject matter. By this amendment, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 13 into independent claims 1, 2, 5, and 15 and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 9-12, and 15 now are in condition for allowance, and the remaining rejections have been rendered moot.

Based on the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 for any additional required fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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